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FROM MR. WILLIAM MILNOR.

PHILADA. Novr. 29th 1774 —

HONBL SIR/

your favour of the 17th. Inst. came to hand on fryday last, I have made the strictest search, after a Sash and have sent the only one, that is to be had in this City, I am sorry to inform you, tis not intirely New tho', not much changed. I have bought it Conditionally if not approved of, to be sir returned by the first post & taken again, I had no Alternative, as no Other Could be had, the Epaulette is inclosed with the pamphlets — the Gorget is Making, & will come by the Next post, — after the strictest inquiry, I could find no Other Treatise on Military Dicipline, but the one I have sent you, — I have enclosed you a Vile pamphlet said to be wrote by Dr. Cooper of New York, & likewise another small pamphlet called Strictures on the former, said to be wrote by General Lee of this City — here I must beg youl. excuse my presumeing to exceed your Orders, as 'tis with an intintion to amuse. for if you have patience to read the first, I think you will be diverted with the last, —

I have Applyed to two Gunsmiths, — One palmer tells me he Can make one hundred by May next, And Nicholson says he Can make the like Number by March, they both agree in the price at £3..15.. this Currcy. Palmer says Mr Cadvalder had agreed With him for 100 at that price, a Jersy Musquet was brought to palmer for a patern, Mr. Shreive Hatter of Allexandira has one of that sort, which you may see, & if you Conclude to have any,

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please to inform me by the first post, as the Gunsmiths I blieve will soon be preengaged, & there is not one Musquet to be bought in this City at present, if you should Chose any Alteration, from that Musquet please to let us know — Mr. Flexen assures me the Drums Coulers &c shall be ready to come with the first Vessels & you May be Assured I shall forward them by with the Utmost speed

I am Dear sir with the greatest respect, Your Most Obedt. humble Ser t WILLIAM MILNOR

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